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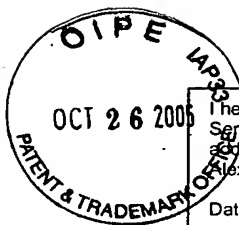
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 27, 2005 (Paper No. 09212005).

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the above-identified application:

Group I: Claims 1-6 and 9, drawn to a cutting tool having a sub-base and a parallel ruler (class 30, subclass 286);

Group II: Claims 7-8 and 10, drawn to a cutting tool having means for preventing a tilted body from projecting laterally outward (class 30, subclass 320); and

Group III: Claims 11-22, drawn to a cutting tool having a sub-base, a parallel ruler, and means for preventing a tilted body from projecting laterally outward (class 30, subclass 371).

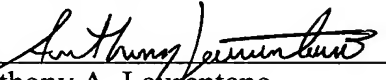
Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-6 and 9 for continued examination, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully assert that a single search of pertinent prior art would appear to suffice for all aspects of the invention. Specifically, the various Groups appear to be so interrelated that a single examination would not appear to place a serious burden on the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants urge the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that all of the claims presently pending in this application be examined.

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